



GREENWOOD COMMON COUNCIL JULY 6, 2005 MINUTES

Mayor Charles Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance in unison, after which Rev. Larry Barnett offered the invocation.

PRESENT:	Council members Bruce Armstrong, Ron Bates, Bill Bless, Ron Deer, John Gibson, Keith Hardin, Jessie Reed; Mayor Henderson; Clerk-Treasurer Jeannine Myers; and City Attorney Shawna Koons-Davis.
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Mr. Bates moved to approve the minutes of June 20, 2005 as presented. Second by Mr. Hardin. Vote: Ayes.

Brandyn Ferguson, Human Resources Manager, was invited to speak on behalf of Endress + Hauser and called his presentation a "reintroduction". The company has been in Greenwood since the 1970's. Endress + Hauser manufactures, sells and services the industrial devices that make automation of modern industries possible, said Mr. Ferguson – industrially rugged measuring devices for such variables as temperature, pressure, Ph, flow rate, etc. Greenwood's site is the largest Endress + Hauser facility in the United States, noted Mr. Ferguson. They are a privately-owned, Swiss-based company with facilities in 85 countries. Mr. Ferguson thanked the Council for the support the City has shown over the years, such as tax abatement or site plan approval. As a result of that support, he said, they are now one of the largest employers in the County, with nearly 300 employees at the Greenwood campus. So far, in 2005 said Mr. Ferguson, Endress + Hauser is leading competitors in growth by 2 to 1. He invited those wishing to visit the site to contact him.

The City Attorney had distributed her litigation report. There were no questions from the Council.

Mr. Bates reported for the Plan Commission and described the main order of business, also before the Council tonight, the Cobblestone, LLC Property.

RESOLUTION No. 05-10 – A Resolution Encouraging the Indiana General Assembly, the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, and the Johnson County Alcohol Beverage Board to Oppose Expansion of the Sale of Alcohol to Outlets such as Gas Stations and Convenience Stores. Mr. Hardin moved to pass Resolution No. 05-10 through first reading. Second by Mr. Gibson. Mr. Deer asked what purpose would be served when beer could be purchased at convenience stores now. Mayor Henderson explained that his understanding was to urge them to keep them from expanding the number of outlets selling beer and wine. Ms. Koons-Davis commented that the problem was the definition under the law of "grocery store", which now includes supermarkets, convenience stores, gas stations and at least one furniture and home accessories store. She told the Council that two aldermen from Ft. Wayne believe that alcohol is too readily available to minors. Mr. Hardin indicated he had results of a survey from the Indiana Association of Beverage Retailers. Mr. Armstrong was concerned that this is outside the Council's jurisdiction. Vote: Ayes – Bless, Gibson, Hardin; Nays – Bates, Deer, Reed (Armstrong – Abstain). The Mayor voted Aye. He suggested getting more information before the next meeting, and tabling the resolution, if necessary. **PASSED FIRST READING.**

RESOLUTION No. 05-11 – A Resolution of the Greenwood Common Council to Adopt the Written Fiscal Plan for the Annexation of Approximately 10.0 Acres Located on the South Side of Demaree Road, West of Honey Creek Road and South of Woodfield Subdivision, Referencing Annexation Ordinance No. 05-08. **INTRODUCED.**

ORDINANCE No. 05-08 – An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory Contiguous to the City of Greenwood, Indiana, Placing the Same Within the Corporate Boundaries Thereof and Making the Same a

Part of the City of Greenwood and Redefining the Corporate Boundaries of the City of Greenwood, Indiana, Approximately 10.0 Acres Located on the South Side of Demaree Road and West of Honey Creek Road, and Commonly Known as the Cobblestone, LLC Property. **INTRODUCED.** Sam Hodson and Matt Beecher represented the developer. Mr. Hodson told the Council that the original plat has 20 lots, which they are considering reducing to 19 because of concerns expressed at the Plan Commission. They anticipate a price range starting in the low \$300's, not to exceed \$750,000. The covenants include an 1,800 square foot minimum for ranch homes, and a 2,200 square foot minimum for a two-story home, although they don't expect anyone to come close to the minimum. The exterior will be brick or stone. The surrounding zoning is residential. In order to comply with State statute, Mr. Bless moved to postpone first reading until September 7, 2005. Second by Mr. Bates. Vote: Ayes. **POSTPONED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 7, 2005 MEETING FOR FIRST READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.**

ORDINANCE No. 05-09 – An Ordinance Approving the Issuance of Special Taxing District Bonds for the Department of Parks and Recreation of the City of Greenwood, Indiana, In an Amount Not to Exceed \$2,000,000 to Finance the Purchase of Park Land. Clyde Freshour of the Parks Board told the Council that the land in question is 72 acres and urged the Council's consideration, as park land is becoming non-existent. There will be a representative at the next meeting to answer detailed questions. **INTRODUCED.**

Under miscellaneous business, Mr. Bates made a letter he received from Andrew Grossman of Wal-Mart Watch a part of the record (in attachments of this meeting).

Mr. Hardin recounted a request by the Barrington Homeowners' Association for a stop sign at the Pilgrim & Yorktown intersection. He asked about an update and wondered if anyone had contacted the resident who made the initial request. Mr. Hardin received the engineering report recommending against it.

Mr. Deer noted that the paving on Main Street and Meridian Street has a final coat and makes traveling on those two streets much better. He also expressed gratitude to the Parks Department, Street Department, and Police Department – everyone involved in the Freedom Festival. Mayor Henderson noted that he received more compliments this year than any year since he has been in office.

Ms. Reed asked about the progress of the sidewalks on Howard Road. Mr. Gabehart indicated they are working on the pipe on the west side of the road, to take care of the drainage. They have marked off the right-of-way. He asked for direction from the Council in scheduling a meeting with residents.

Mr. Gibson asked if we are schedule for the Northern Park project. Mr. Gabehart replied that he did not think the contractor is moving as expediently as he should, with a 180-day timeline. One of the field supervisors recently told Mr. Gabehart that they are trying to pull in more crews.

Mr. Gibson then complimented the staff, Engineering and Parks Departments for their work on the walking paths. They are being used more and more, he said, and it will be a very positive situation.

Mr. Hardin noted that a resident on Stillwater Court asked if the curbing is going to be replaced to adjust the drainage. They are going to have their driveway repaved, and need to know. Mr. Gabehart indicated that the Street Superintendent reported the situation is resolved at this residence.

Mayor Henderson reported that the County Commissioner's last night passed a \$75 economic development fee per lot for developers, increasing for commercial and industrial development. He discussed concerns about how the money would be collected and administered, concerns that he said are shared by the Mayor of Franklin. Jodie Woods, attorney for IACT, could find no statutory authority for this. The Mayor indicated there are many questions still unanswered.

As to the questions he has been asked about striping on the newly paved streets, the Mayor said it will be done. Some of this falls to the contractor, and some to the City, and he reported that our crews are working.

Next the Mayor mentioned that the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns met with Governor Daniels and has scheduled at least one more. There will also be a meeting with the chair of the Finance Committee. The IACT Executive Board voted to put together a full legislative proposal for funding local government to take to the legislature. The hope is to reduce the burden on property taxes. IACT has asked their membership to contribute a one-time voluntary assessment based on 9 cents per resident. Greenwood's contribution would be \$3,243.33, he noted, based on our 2000 census. The riverboat cities

will be asked for considerably more. The IACT Executive Board believes they will need a minimum of \$200,000 for this in-depth study. Five proposals on putting this together will be heard tomorrow from different firms. The Mayor indicated he would like Greenwood to participate. He agreed to send copies of the letter and of the proposals to Council members. The matter will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Mr. Gibson asked about an update on the special census. When the Planning Director left for vacation there was still no reply as to the cost, said the Mayor. He added that a restricted census is being considered.

Next were departmental budgets. President Armstrong asked the Council if a 3.3% salary increase for each department would be appropriate. Mayor Henderson told the Council he received two indexes for cost of living increases – a 3.3% and a 3.1%. The Meet & Confer committee is asking for 3.3% over the next two years, said Mr. Bless. This led to a discussion of a worst case scenario, including no growth in assessed valuation. Mr. Armstrong said that our consultant, H.J. Umbaugh indicated that under a worst case scenario, the salary increase could equal last year's. After more discussion, Mr. Hardin moved that for non-elected officials the base salary increase for 2006 be 3.3%. Second by Mr. Bates. Vote: Ayes.

Discussion of budgets was next, as follows:

- Mayor (Mayor Henderson)
- Police Department (Chief Pitcher)
- Fleet Maintenance (Todd Petty)
- Engineering Department (Norm Gabehart)
- Human Resources (Director Bill Jackson)
- Board of Works (Mayor Henderson)
- Waste Management (Norm Gabehart)

Mayor Henderson indicated that Parks, Planning, Street, LRS, Law, Fire Dept., Clerk-Treasurer and Information Technology budgets would be on the next agenda.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.